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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Robinson DATE TYPED 03-04-05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Highlands International Student Recruitment SB 1066

ANALYST Woods

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$50.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to the appropriation for New Mexico Highlands University in the General Appropriations Act.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files
New Mexico Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 1066 – Making an Appropriation to Recruit International Students to Attend New Mexico Highlands University – appropriates \$50,000 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico Highlands University for expenditure in FY06 to recruit international students. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 shall revert to the general fund.

Significant Issues

CHE indicates that this legislation will provide funding for a recruitment office, marketing materials, and scholarship initiatives for recruitment of international students.

CHE additionally observes that the request was not in the list of priority projects submitted by New Mexico Highlands University to the commission for review. Accordingly, the request was not included in the Commission’s funding recommendation for FY06.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 shall revert to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

New Mexico Highlands University will retain oversight of this program.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP OR RELATIONSHIP

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